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## Whitney Trust

# CIA Link to Charity Funds

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A charitable trust established by John Hay Whitney received \$325,000 in 1964 and 1965 from the Granary Fund of Boston, used by the Central Intelligence Agency to channel money from front organizations to various organizations here and abroad.

Whitney is the former owner, publisher and editor in chief of the New York Herald Tribune. He is now a one-third partner in the successor paper, the World Journal Tribune, and a member of its three-man executive board.

### REPORTS

Reports filed by the Granary Fund with the attorney general of Massachusetts show that the fund contributed to a John Hay Whitney Trust for Charitable Purposes, \$225,000 in 1964 and \$100,000 in 1965.

In response to requests for comment on the Whitney trust, the sources of the contribution made by the Granary fund and the disposition of the grant by the Whitney trust, Walter N. Thayer, head of the Whitney communications corporation, made the following statement on behalf of Whitney:

"The trust which I established Dec. 29, 1958, for charitable purposes has operated since that date. In accordance with the terms of the trust, several pledges and contributions, all of which have been properly reported, have been made to a number of tax-exempt organizations in which I have been personally interested whose purposes I approve."

### CONTRIBUTIONS

The "schedule of contributions received" by the Granary fund in 1964, according to the report filed with the Massachusetts attorney general, shows that it received \$300,000 from the John G. Thornton Trust, \$150,000 from the James Carlisle Trust, and \$500 in "miscellaneous contributions."

Officials here, who asked not to be identified, characterized the Thornton and Carlisle trusts as "CIA fronts" used to channel funds to legitimate foundations that then passed the money on to designated organizations having overseas activities or interests.

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